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## GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA FOREST DEPARTMENT

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## **NOTIFICATION**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Governor of Tripura is pleased to notify the following biodiversity important sites as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) of the State of Tripura:-

SI. No.	Name	Significance of the Sites	Area
1	Baramura Waterfall Teliamura RD Block, Khowai District	<ul> <li>The highest natural waterfall in Tripura.</li> <li>Critical habitat for rare wildlife</li> <li>Rich in floristic diversity</li> <li>Habitat for many stream water favored fauna</li> </ul>	150 ha
2	Unakoti, Gournagar RD Block, Unakoti District	<ul> <li>Cultural and religious significance</li> <li>Example of Ethno-religious aspects</li> <li>Sacred trees and stones</li> <li>Rich forest flora and fauna</li> <li>Source of natural stream flow has diverse ecosystem services</li> <li>Site of semi wild, wild and domesticated ornamental plants.</li> </ul>	40 ha
3	Silachari Caves, Karbook RD Block, Gomati District	<ul> <li>Only natural cave of Tripura</li> <li>Unique habitat for several threatened Cave Bats species in Tripura</li> <li>Rich floristic diversity</li> <li>Ethno-religious or cultural significance</li> <li>Critical habitat for rare wildlife</li> <li>Stream rich in aquatic fauna</li> <li>Multi ecosystem services</li> </ul>	100 ha
4	Debbari or Chabimura, Amarpur RD Block, Gomati District	<ul> <li>River forest ecosystems at Debbari with rich flora fauna.</li> <li>Unique habitat for threatened plants of Tripura like Dhup tree and cane resources of Tripura</li> <li>Unique breeding habitat for threatened fishes of Tripura</li> <li>Unique breeding habitat for threatened wildlife of Tripura.</li> </ul>	215 ha

Surroundings, Jampui hill RD Block, North District	<ul> <li>Geographical/topographical significance: The highest peak of Tripura allows unique habitat ecosystem</li> <li>Aesthetic value: View of Mizoram and Chittagon hill tracts, other hills of Jampui, orange orchards</li> <li>Due to change in altitude, topography and climate the vegetation is totally unique compared to mainland of the state.</li> <li>Biodiversity Significance: Highest floristic diversity in Tripura.</li> <li>Conservation significance: suitable habitat for several red listed flora and fauna</li> <li>Medicinal plant conservation area.</li> <li>Cultural significance: Diverse agroecosystem model</li> </ul>	350 ha
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- 2.0 Biodiversity Heritage sites are the areas of biological importance that are ecologically fragile and which generally have one or more of the components such as species richness, high endemism, and presence of rare, endemic, threatened species.
- 3.0 These sites are declared as BHS with the following objectives.
  - To increase the numbers of Tourists in the above-mentioned areas thereby promoting Tourism inter alia livelihood generation.
  - To strengthen the conservation effort in this area minimizing the present threats to biodiversity of the area.
  - To protect Red listed/endangered and threatened flora and fauna of the state.
  - To preserve the ecosystem services of the area.
  - To generate livelihood for the local community and encourage them to use the bio-resources in a sustainable manner.
  - To abide by the section 37(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- 4.0 As per sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and section 22(1) of Tripura Biological Diversity Rules, 2006, approval of the local bodies and other key stakeholders of the above-mentioned areas have already been obtained.
- 5.0 This will be effective from the date of publication in official Gazette.

By order of the Governor of Tripura

Additional Secretary Forest Government of Tripura